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Satellite Television System Ground Station Having Wide-

Band Multi-Channel LNB Converter/Transmitter Architecture

With Controlled Uplink Transmission

Examiner

N/A

Art Unit

N/A

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1,2,4-7,11 and 12 as indicated below.

1. (Amended) An outdoor (24) unit for a satellite television ground system (10) comprising:

downlink circuitry operative to receive first and second satellite television signals from first and second satellites, process the first and second satellite television signals and provide the processed first and second satellite television signals to an indoor unit (30) of the satellite television ground system (34,36); and

uplink circuitry operative to receive an uplink signal from the indoor unit (30), process the received uplink signal, and provide the processed uplink signal to a satellite